

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A communication connector structure embedded within a personal electronic device, comprising:

a communication port for electronically coupling the personal electronic device to another electronic device to enable transfers of communication between the personal electronic device and the another electronic device; [[and]]

a rigid first arm structure ~~attached to the communication port, wherein the first arm structure has~~ with a first end having a hinge mechanism fixedly attached thereto that is adapted for attachment to ~~[[a]] the personal electronic device and a second end having a swivel point;~~

a rigid second arm structure attached between the communication port and the first arm structure, wherein the communication port is attached to one end of the second arm structure and the other end of the second arm structure is rotatably connected to the swivel point on the second end of the first arm structure;

~~wherein such that~~ the communication connector structure is rotatably mounted to the personal electronic device, and ~~having~~ has electrical connections from the personal electronic device to the communication port that provide communication between a device connected to the communication port and the personal electronic device attached to the hinge mechanism.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The communication connector according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the second arm structure swivels about an axis running through ~~[[the]]~~ a center of ~~[[the]]~~ a longest dimension of the first arm structure.

4. (currently amended) The communication connector according to claim 1, wherein the communication port is a USB (universal serial bus) port.

5. (currently amended) The communication connector according to claim 1, wherein the communication port is a ~~FireWire~~ FIREWIRE port.

6. (currently amended) A personal electronic device comprising:
an external body;

having an embedded communication connector[[,]] comprising:

~~a body;~~

a communication connector structure, comprising:

a communication port; and

~~a rigid first arm structure attached to the communication port, wherein the first arm structure has with a first end having a hinge mechanism fixedly attached thereto, which and attached to the body such that the communication connector structure is rotatably mounted to the personal electronic device;~~

a rigid second arm structure connected at one end to the communication port and at the other end to a swivel point of a second end of the first arm structure, wherein the second arm structure rotates about an axis running through a center of the first arm structure and wherein the communication port attached to the second arm structure is rotatably connected to the first arm structure by swiveling the second arm structure around the swivel point; and
~~, and having electrical connections running from the personal electronic device through the first arm structure and the second arm structure to the communication port, which [[that]] provide communication between a device connected to the communication port and the personal electronic device attached to the hinge mechanism; and~~

an inset region within the body, inset from the surface of the body, adapted to permit the communication connector structure to occupy [[the]] a space within the inset region, and wherein the hinge mechanism is positioned on the rigid first arm structure and attached to the body such that the communication connector structure occupies the inset region when rotated in a first position and extends outside the inset region when rotated via the hinge in a second position.

7. (original) The personal electronic device according to claim 6, wherein the communication connector structure is rotatably mounted to the personal electronic device by the hinge mechanism such that the communication connector structure is in a embedded position when occupying the inset region of the personal electronic device, and is in an operational position for connection with a device when the communication connector structure is rotated about a hinged point in the hinge mechanism such that the communication connector structure is

moved from the embedded position and the communication port is moved outside the inset region into a position for mating with another device.

8. (canceled)

9. (original) The personal electronic device of claim 6, wherein the personal electronic device is a personal digital assistant device.

10. (original) The personal electronic device of claim 6, wherein the personal electronic device is a cellular telephone.

11. (original) The personal electronic device of claim 6, wherein the personal electronic device is a notebook computer.

12. (currently amended) The personal electronic device of claim 6, wherein the personal electronic device is a portable device adapted to be carried ~~on the person of~~ by the user of the personal electronic device.

13. (currently amended) The communication connector according to claim 6, wherein the communication port is a USB (universal serial bus) port.

14. (currently amended) The communication connector according to claim 6, wherein the communication port is a ~~FireWire~~ FIREWIRE port.

15. (new) A system comprising:

a fully-operable electronic device; and

a communication connector directly attached via a hinge mechanism to the electronic device and which enables the electronic device to be communicatively coupled to another separate device, said communication connector comprising:

a rigid first arm structure with a first end having the hinge mechanism fixedly attached thereto that is adapted for direct attachment to the personal electronic device and

a second end having a swivel point;

a communication port for electronically coupling the electronic device to the another separate device to enable transfers of communication between the electronic device and the another separate device; and

a rigid second arm structure attached at one end to the communication port and at the next end to the swivel point of the first arm structure via a swivel connector, whereby the second arm structure may be swiveled around an axes running along the first arm structure.

16. (new) The system of Claim 15, wherein the communication connector is rotatably mounted to the electronic device via the hinge mechanism, and further comprises:

electrical connections running from the electronic device to the communication port to enable the communicative coupling of the electronic device to another device connected to the communication port.